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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Kerry Beth Spradlin.

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Turner, Austin**

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Whereas, Mrs. Kerry Spradlin began her distinguished career in public and governmental affairs as an intern with the Indiana House of Representatives in 1992 and served as a public information officer for the Indiana Senate in 1994;

Whereas, Mrs. Spradlin started her career in the banking and financial institution industry with the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA) in 1994;

Whereas, Kerry began as a Government Relations Assistant, was promoted to Government Relations Representative, and through her dedication and hard work, was named to the position of Vice President of Government Relations in 2001;

Whereas, During her nearly 10 years with the IBA, Kerry Spradlin was instrumental in many initiatives, including the advocacy for banks in life insurance issue that covered many sessions and the tax apportionment issue to deter many banks from leaving Indiana, which was resolved during a rare four day November session of the General Assembly;

Whereas, Kerry Spradlin joined Irwin Financial in 2003 as Public Affairs Manager;

Whereas, From this position, Kerry Spradlin developed the first formal government relations program in the company's history, organized and led all of its activities, including a



comprehensive issues advocacy function, an effective employee education and grassroots lobbying effort, and an active political action committee;

Whereas, Kerry Spradlin skillfully led Irwin Financial Corporation through an important change in corporate culture that ultimately resulted in a newfound appreciation of the importance of public affairs and a greater understanding of how the process works;

Whereas, Kerry Spradlin was a leading advocate for issues affecting Indiana banks at the State House and on Capitol Hill providing insightful and articulate summaries of the issues to members of Congress and the state legislature;

Whereas, While she always conveyed her message with an empathetic ear, willing to acknowledge other perspectives, she also argued it persuasively with conviction and with her characteristic poise and unassuming grace;

Whereas, Those who have the privilege to work with Kerry Spradlin could not help but observe the high regard in which she is universally held by her peers, colleagues, policymakers, and staffers, frequently bringing to mind the old E.F. Hutton motto: "When Kerry talks, people listen.";

Whereas, Kerry Spradlin continued to provide consulting services to Irwin Financial Corporation following the onset of her illness in late 2007;

Whereas, Throughout her career, Kerry's contributions have been invaluable, and we continue to apply the lessons she taught us;

Whereas, Kerry Spradlin is known and loved throughout the State House; she always has a smile and a kind word for everyone;

Whereas, Kerry has an innate ability to listen and be interested in others; she is a special lady that we all miss seeing on a daily basis; and

Whereas, Family and friends know that she gives everyone



strength, hope, and love simply by being herself: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly
2 recognize Mrs. Kerry B. Spradlin as an outstanding Hoosier who has
3 made profound contributions to the state of Indiana and the banking
4 and financial industry in particular.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Kerry Beth
7 Spradlin and her family.

